

MARINA READER

LONG BEACH PARKS, RECREATION & MARINE



HAPPY VALENTINES DAY



ALAMITOS BAY PUMP STATIONS

Another Viewpoint on our new Pumpout Stations in Alamitos Bay

The Marine Bureau has very kindly given me an opportunity to provide my version of the pump out situation in Alamitos Bay with this letter, in response to the article from Mark Sandoval in the December Marina Reader. I have complained for years about the unreliability of the pumpouts in Alamitos Bay, and nothing seemed to have changed.

Late last summer, I e-mailed Mark and told him that I could not find a working pumpout in the marina. Mark indicated that he had a maintenance report, prepared and given to him weekly, that indicated most pumpouts were working. This happened again a couple of weeks later. I contacted Gary DeLong, our Third District Councilman, since he won his election on a clean water platform.

The effect of Gary's intervention was immediate. I received an e-mail apology from Tom Shippey (Manager of the Maintenance Operations Bureau) the next day, and several days later an e-mail from Mark that the pumpouts would be replaced using grant funds from the State Department of Boating and Waterways.

The pumpout grants may possibly have been in the works, but it also appears that it took pressure from Councilman DeLong to get the ball rolling in earnest, and the pumps are now being installed.

Please e-mail, phone or fax Councilman DeLong a well-deserved thank you for helping us to improve the water quality in the marina and the ocean. We need to let him know how many of you thought this was important. I am soliciting your help on this without his knowledge or approval.

I think we are all on the same page now, so let's do our best to help the marina administration to keep these new pumps working! Give the ocean a break!

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Thank you!

Jim Van Eimeren

A fellow boat owner in Alamitos Bay since the 60's.

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MARINA WATCH TIP OF THE MONTH

The Long Beach Police Department - Marine Patrol Unit remind you to never let people you don't know into the boat owners' restrooms. These are not public restrooms. Boaters who are authorized to use these restrooms should have their own key. If you see someone in these restrooms who obviously isn't a boat owner, call for the Marine Patrol to investigate.

Also, Shoreline Permittees are reminded to be sure that your gangway gate closes and locks behind you...every time. An open gate is an invitation for

Trespassers and Thieves. And Don't allow people you don't know to come through the gate with you. Have them use their own key.

Wireless Internet Update

In the January issue we reported that wireless Internet service would be available at no cost to our customers. We fully expected the contract to be in place at the time of publication. We apologize that this was not the case. We are still working on finalizing the contract. In the meantime, the service is available, but you will have to pay for the service until the contract is in place. Sorry for the inconvenience this may have caused.

PHONE NUMBERS TO KEEP ON HAND

Long Beach Police
Marine Patrol Emergency
911 or 9911 (Vock Phone)

Nbn Emergency
(562) 435-6711

Maintenance during
working hours
(562) 570-1582

Alamitos Bay Office
(562) 570-3215

Shoreline Office
(562) 570-4950

Rainbow Harbor
(562) 570-8636

After office hours
(562) 570-3101

TIDE CHART FOR FEBRUARY 2007

LOW TIDE

HIGH TIDE

	AM	Ht.	PM	Ht.	AM	Ht.	PM	Ht.
1Th	2:06	2.0	3:22	-1.1	8:13	6.4	9:48	4.1
2 F	2:44	1.8	3:50	-0.9	8:48	6.3	10:14	4.2
3 Sa	3:20	1.7	4:16	-0.6	9:22	5.9	10:39	4.3
4 Su	3:57	1.6	4:41	-0.2	9:54	5.5	11:04	4.4
5 M	4:35	1.6	5:04	0.3	10:27	4.9	11:29	4.4
6 Tu	5:17	1.7	5:24	0.8	11:02	4.2	11:56	4.4
7 W	6:07	1.7	5:42	1.4	11:41	3.6	-	-
8 Th	7:15	1.8	5:54	1.8	12:27	4.4	12:34	2.9
9 F	8:59	1.7	5:43	2.3	1:06	4.4	2:41	2.4
10 Sa	10:57	1.3	-	-	2:03	4.4	-	-
11 Su	-	-	12:02	0.7	3:23	4.5	-	-
12 M	12:44	0.1	11:13	2.9	4:38	4.9	7:56	3.2
13 Tu	-	-	1:18	-0.4	5:36	5.4	8:07	3.5
14 W	12:12	2.6	1:49	-0.9	6:24	5.9	8:25	3.8
15 Th	12:58	2.2	2:20	-1.2	7:07	6.3	8:47	4.1
16 F	1:41	1.7	2:51	-1.3	7:49	6.6	9:12	4.4
17 Sa	2:24	1.3	3:23	-1.2	8:31	6.6	9:40	4.7
18 Su	3:09	0.9	3:54	-0.9	9:14	6.3	10:10	5.2
19 M	3:57	0.6	4:26	-0.4	10:00	5.8	10:44	5.4
20 Tu	4:49	0.5	4:58	0.2	10:49	4.9	11:20	5.5
21 W	5:49	0.4	5:31	1	11:46	4.1	-	-
22 Th	7:02	0.5	6:05	1.7	12:03	5.5	1:02	3.2
23 F	8:37	0.5	6:47	2.3	12:55	5.4	3:12	2.7
24 Sa	10:22	0.2	8:26	2.8	2:04	5.2	6:00	2.9
25 Su	11:42	-0.2	10:39	2.9	3:33	5.2	7:00	3.4
26 M	12:37	-0.6	11:57	2.5	4:55	5.4	7:33	3.7
27 Tu	-	-	1:20	-0.8	5:58	5.6	8:00	3.9
28 W	12:48	2.1	1:55	-0.9	6:47	5.8	8:24	4.2

CLASSES 07

New boaters seeking basic skills and others wanting to advance their skills to a higher level will want to take the eight-lesson Boating Skills and Seamanship class offered by U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 15-2. The class begins at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 26, at the Seal Beach Yacht Club, 255 Marina Drive, Long Beach, (in Alamitos Bay).

Among its topics the eight-week course describes types of boats, required equipment, trailering, boat handling, aids to navigation and understanding charts, and rules that must be followed.

The \$40 fee includes the text and the examination that is required to receive a certificate of completion. Pre-registration is required. Call Beth or Burt Irwin (714) 897-5200 or e-mail abirwin1@earthlink.net.

FROM THE MANAGER



By Mark Sandoval,
Marine Bureau Manager

Happy 2007! My resolution this year, as in the past, is to continue to improve the marina and the amenities we offer, and to continue to operate in an open and public

manner, so that you, our customers, are comfortable with the manner in which the marinas are managed.

2007 should be an exciting year in the marinas. We are scheduled to complete the Shoreline Marina in April. In addition, we are planning to replace the pumpout/guest dock in front of Parker's Lighthouse. Once that is done, all of the docks in the Downtown area will be new, the oldest being the Rainbow Harbor commercial docks – a young six years of age.

In addition, we will begin the rebuild of the Alamitos Bay Marina in 2007. The design/build bid package is complete, and should be released in January. We are hoping to identify a contractor and begin construction of Basin 4 in the summer or fall. Finally, if we can overcome the fight by the environmental opponents for the moorings off the beach, we will have moorings installed by the summer or fall of next year as well.

As I indicated in the past, I will continue to remain receptive to any and all constructive input, and I will continue to promote an open and healthy relationship with all of the interest groups in the marinas of Long Beach, so do not hesitate to drop us a call or e-mail.

As always, happy and healthy boating,
and HAPPY NEW YEAR.

We are proud to be a
certified Clean Marina, thanks
for your efforts.



TIPS FOR BOATING

TIPS FOR BOATING CLEAN AND GREEN

1. Prevent oily discharge from the bilge.

Keep your engine well tuned to prevent fuel and oil leaks. Place an oil absorbent pad or pillow under your engine where drips may occur and in your bilge. Check the pads often and dispose of them as hazardous waste at a marina or nearby collection center.

2. Spill-proof your oil changes

For oil changes, use an oil change pump to transfer oil to a spill proof container. Wrap a plastic bag or absorbent pad around the oil filter to prevent oil from spilling into the bilge.

3. Spill-proof your fueling practices

Prevent fuel spills by filling fuel tanks slowly and carefully and by using absorbent pads or rags to catch drips and spills. Don't "top off" or overflow your fuel tank and leave 5% empty to allow fuel to expand as it warms.

4. Do not add soap

Never use soap to disperse fuel and oil spills. It increases harm to the environment, and it is illegal.

5. Minimize boat cleaning and maintenance in the water.

If possible, save maintenance projects for the boatyard. When performing work on the water minimize your impact by containing waste using tarps and vacuum sanders, and collect all drips and debris for proper disposal.

6. Reduce toxic discharges from bottom paints

Minimize the discharge of heavy metals that come from soft-sloughing antifouling paints by using a hard, less toxic, or nontoxic antifouling paint. Use only non-abrasive underwater hull cleaning techniques to prevent excessive paint discharge. Remember, dry storage and reduces the need for antifouling paints and saves money.

7. Dispose of hazardous waste properly

Dispose of paints, batteries, antifreeze, cleaning products, oil, oil filters and other hazardous wastes at a hazardous waste collection facility or event. Call 1-800-CLEAN-UP for a location near you. Recycle paints, batteries, oil, oil filters and antifreeze.